

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS



PRAYER FOR THE MORNING TIME

The Liturgy of the Hours podcast... presented by Luther Seminary Chapel and Augsburg University Campus Ministry. Prayer for wherever you may be.

The Liturgy of the Hours is the passed-through-the-generations practice of daily prayer offered through praise, prayer, song, psalm and scripture. Now available by podcast. Prayer from the great cloud of witnesses to your cloud.

This season we offer Matins: prayer for the morning time. This week liturgist Michael Morris offers his Mercy Matins Liturgy. Readings are offered by Luther Seminary student Karleigh Crepin

We calm our hearts now as we open ourselves to the presence of God.

CHAPTER ONE Matins

MERCY MATINS by Michael Morris

Dialogue

Oh Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit the Three in One.

As it was, as it is, as it will be always.

Amen. Always. Amen. Always. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalmody

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Matins Hymn: "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God"

The heavens are telling the glory of God
And the firmament proclaims God's work
Day to day pours forth speech
And night to night knowledge declares is birthed

There is no speech nor are there words
Their voice is not yet heard
Yet still it goes out through all the earth
And their words to the end of the world.

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians, chapter 3

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Responsory

You have been born anew
Through the life and the Word of God.
You have been born anew
Through the life and the Word of God.

Gospel Cantic

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

1. Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to set your people free.
2. You have raised up for us a mighty Savior born of the house of your servant David.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

3. You promised to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
4. To show mercy to our forebears, and to keep your holy covenant.
5. This you swore to Father Abraham, to set us free from our enemies.
6. Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you all our days.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

7. And you shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go to prepare the way,
8. To give people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
9. By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us
10. to shine on those who dwell in darkness and to guide us in the way of peace.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our sins as we forgive

those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil

For the kingdom the power

and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Almighty God, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Bless us in the day to come, and preserve us every one.

Amen.

Song: Hallelujah! Praises to the Son!

Jesus was born for everyone

We've been saved by grace thank the God of love

Jesus was born for everyone

Hallelujah! Praises to the Son!

Heavenly light has come to earth

Through the miracle of our Savior's birth

Heavenly light has come to earth

Hallelujah! Praises to the Son!

To the Son, to the Son, he's the king, the
prophesied one
The Father's will is being done. Hallelujah! Praises
to the Son!

The prophecies have come to pass
Now the last is first and the first is last
The prophecies have come to pass
Hallelujah! Praises to the Son!

To the Son, to the Son, he's the king, the
prophesied one
The Father's will is being done. Hallelujah! Praises
to the Son!

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